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## Daily

## Students prepare for day of action

by Stephanie Lachowicz

Students' Society's decision to support the province-wide November 12 day of action has met with favorable response from the McGill student body.

Pressure tactics include a province-wide student boycott of classes, a demonstration in Québec City, and an information campaign. It is aimed at pressuring the Québec government to agree to a reform of the provincial loans and bursary system before the next election.

"Over eighty students have signed up for the two buses going to Québec city. We may eventually send up to three buses," said Students' Society (SSMU) VP External Chris Alexander.

The day of action is sponsored by L'Association nationale des étudi-

antes et étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ) and will be held on November 12. SSMU voted to support ANEEQ at Tuesday's council meeting.

Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Society Vice-President, John Goodman said, "A demonstration that will build awareness of the funding situation is great."

"The issue is to force (Québec Education Minister Claude) Ryan to be democratic and public with respect to his agenda of the loan and bursary reform," said Jean-Pierre Paquet, ANEEQ Vice President.

"We know for sure that (the government) wants to cut the loans and bursaries system. Ryan's strategy is to make a public low-profile position announcement before the election, something that will not make

problems during the campaign. Then, after the election, he will do what he wants," said Paquet.

Although SSMU is a member of ANEEQ, it supports them on this issue. "We agree with ANEEQ's policy of action for November 12... because it is in the interests of all students to have this reform (of the loans and bursary) system enacted," said Alexander.

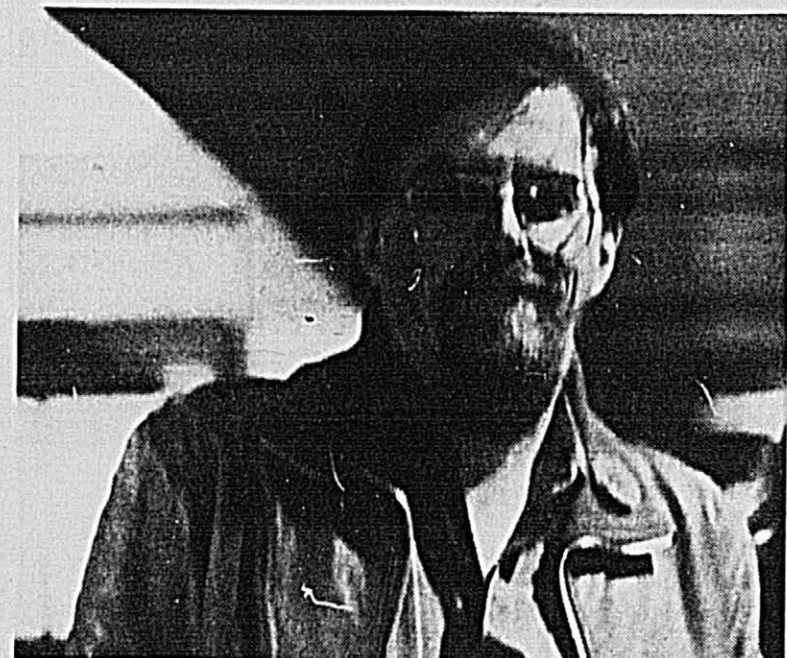
"It is important that all students participate. Students should be united 365 days a year. It's great that McGill has decided to go ahead and participate," said Paquet.

SSMU is hoping the issue of university underfunding will also be addressed. McGill is disproportionately underfunded compared to other Québec universities.

"We definitely consider underfunding to be the next big issue. We hope that ANEEQ will stand by us on this issue," said Alexander.

According to Goodman, "McGill in the past has taken a passive role. They sit back and hope that the funding situation will get better."

"Every student in Québec realizes that there are certain issues that affect us all and that we should stand together on them," said Alexander.



Gwynne Dyer at McGill Thursday. See last Wednesday's paper for interview

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## Behind the Guatemalan smokescreen

by Heather Hueston

Twenty-three months ago, there were "historic expectations" for the changeover from military rule to civilian government in Guatemala. Last Saturday, at Salle Bellarmine, Frank Larve, a member of the United Representational Opposition, declared these expectations to be less than historic.

Speaking through an interpreter, Larve said the 1985 elections were part of the army's longterm strategy to legitimize their actions and improve Guatemala's image.

"There has been no impact on the political structure," he said. The economy is destroyed and "human rights violations have decreased, but not disappeared."

In 1983, Amnesty International named Guatemala as the "world's worst violator of human rights."

"After 15 years of military crackdown, people got excited about (current Guatemalan President) Cerezo. He talked about 'consultation,' but it turned out to mean consultation between the government and the private sector," Larve said. Cerezo lost popularity by pardoning human rights violators and ignoring issues of tax and agrarian reform.

Larve sketched events leading to the elections and described the scorched-earth tactics used by the army in the late '70's and early '80's to wipe out resistance. Areas with the highest Indian population were "targeted for a combination of terrorism and actual elimination," he said.

"The (army) had a four stage plan. One, massacre popular leaders. Two, massacre on a wide scale 'guerrilla sympathizers' (the Indians) and three, control the people by policing them with civilian patrols and mocking them to model villages to re-education. The fourth stage is the current legitimization process."

Larve mocked the notion of the army trying to stabilize the economy "they themselves destroyed." He rejected the idea that the army is a moderate force with its own agrarian plan.

"These are the same officers who massacred 15,000 in two years. The military is a force for domination, period. They're looking for ways to implement their domination. Their agrarian plan is modest, even they realize the tensions in the country, they want to use it as a trick to co-opt the people. They're sophisticated in their understanding of what is at stake."

Larve said the situation in Guatemala is "complex" and "at a critical point." There is more "space" for political worker organizations. He added that the army is not assassinating union leaders anymore, but wages are down and there is malnutrition and malaria.

Larve also spoke on the shaky progress of the Esquipulas peace plan signed last August. Cerezo hosted the summit and used it as a smokescreen for Guatemala's crisis. This plan brought the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala to the negotiating table with the guerrilla movements of their respective countries. Negotiations between the Salvadoran government and the FDR-FMLN have since broken off and the Nicaraguan government has recently agreed to begin indirect negotiations with the contras.

Larve said the Guatemalan government broke the ceasefire with guerrilla opposition. During recent talks in Madrid, government representatives, along with their four military "observers" refused to discuss the opposition's proposals.

Larve fears the peace plan may benefit Nicaragua and El Salvador but overshadow Guatemala's problems. Unlike last year's foiled contradora plan, the Esquipulas peace

accord doesn't name U.S. Foreign intervention as the root of the Central American question. "It implies the problem is internal," he said.

But Larve praised the plan for confronting the U.S. and showing Washington that Latin Americans

can solve their own problems.

"The Peace Plan served to open up dialogue. It may not work out but just having it is a big step. There must be reconciliation in all Latin American countries in order to have peace."

## Military, management and engineers merge

by Alison Arnot

A group of McGill students are concerned that senior McGill Engineers are unknowingly participating in a program that may involve military research.

The program, called the Value Engineering Workshop, is a forty hour technical elective course. Teams of students meet for an eight hour workshop, once a week for five consecutive weeks. These teams work with a representative from a company sponsor to improve and reduce the cost of an industry design problem.

During the workshops, students look at a joint industry problem, analysing what it does and what it should do. Program organizer and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, David Pfeiffer, said they are "trying to make the products a better design while lowering the cost." The program has been running for the past fifteen years.

The companies involved are C.A.E. Electronics, Canadian Marconi, Northern Telecom, Spar Aerospace, and Via Rail. Each company pays a \$3000 participation fee.

CAE Electronics has been participating in the program for the past three years. This year they have two problems under research. One has direct military applications.

Mr. Patterson of C.A.E. Electronics said the students are working on "advanced integrated magnetic

anomaly detection systems." These systems are used by maritime patrol aircraft to find submarines. The group is trying to make part of this system, a Kevlar capsule, lighter. Patterson said this research is "applicable to military products."

One student participating in the program, Mary Gendron, is working on an aircraft chassis for Canadian Marconi. Her group is researching Microwave Landing Systems which will aid the pilot in landings and improve safety.

According to Gendron, the work she is doing could be used in military and commercial aircraft. "It's for any plane, to improve air traffic control," she said. Her project is a small part of a larger system and alone, could not be used for military interests.

Pfeiffer said the projects are not directly military in nature. "We don't know how they use them," he said. When asked if students take this possibility into account, he added, "Maybe it doesn't bother them."

According to Jamie Kneen, a member of Project Ploughshares, students must exercise responsibility in judging their research. "There's nothing wrong with airline safety, the point where one has to be careful is where there might be military applications," he said.

Lee Iverson, a Chemical Engineering student on the Ad-Hoc Committee for Responsible Research thinks students have to consider the specific cases involved. He felt each student should closely

examine their involvement, as many companies may not reveal military connections.

Students involved in the program defended it. "Value Engineering isn't about military research, it's about learning good management in engineering," said Gendron.

Bruce Campbell, another student involved in the program, said, "We gain in experience, working with people in industry. We get a better understanding of what it's like out there on the social relations side."

Campbell is participating in the program to gain more practical experience then he would in other engineering courses. "You get tired of theory, you want something more practical," he said.

According to Kneen, "It sounds like a mutually beneficial program," but "sometimes getting a job becomes more important than violating human rights."

The students will present their new designs to company executives at the Shangri-la Hotel on November 9.

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## CANADASCAN

## Government bugs students

MONTREAL (CUP) The discovery of a hidden microphone in the offices of the student council has raised fears of illegal police surveillance at Concordia University.

The microphone—a small metal receiver—had already been disconnected when it was found in the ceiling of a student executive office. An electronics expert on the university faculty confirmed that the object was an illegal listening device.

The discovery came less than six weeks after two Concordia students were questioned by agents claiming they were from the RCMP. The students were asked about their political activities with different campus groups.

Gerry Cummings, a CSIS spokesperson, refused to comment on individual surveillance operations but said there is a possibility some campus groups are being investigated.

"Nobody in this country is exempt from investigation if they're involved in certain acts, whether they be in labour, university, or whatever," he said. "There is an understanding, however, that the free flow of ideas on campus is not to be infringed upon."

Earlier last week, the Concordia student council began a search of its offices to locate other listening devices. So far, none have been found.

## Expo home show cancelled

VANCOUVER (CUP) The Social Credit government's decision to sell the EXPO '86 site to the highest bidder will likely shelve previous plans to build low-income housing in the area, according to a community spokesperson.

Stephen Learey, of the Downtown Eastside Resident's Association (DERA), said it is unlikely a developer will want to build 30 per cent low-income housing on the EXPO site, as was originally planned by the provincial and Vancouver city government.

"The odds are pretty slim social housing will be built," said Learey. "There is money talking and I can't see (a developer) wanting to build social housing when the return is so small."

But Vancouver Mayor Gordon Campbell said non-market housing will go ahead, but not at the 30 per cent planned for—at closer to 20. When asked what developers will say, Campbell said, "They don't have a choice."

Learey said there is a desperate need for low income housing in Vancouver, and that DERA has built three social housing projects in the same number of years. The most recent one, in May, had 153 suites available and over 1800 applications.

"And that's with no advertising—only by word of mouth," he added.

## Stirring up the Iran controversy

OTTAWA (CUP) An Iranian embassy official was whisked from a Carleton University lecture room when critics of the Khomeini regime disrupted his speech on the Persian Gulf conflict.

Mohammad Ali Mosavi was speaking to about 80 students at Carleton's Political Science Forum when audience members began accusing the Iranian government of torture and persecution.

Reza Shadi, an Iranian immigrant, asked Mosavi why the Iranian government continued to prolong the seven year old Iran-Iraq war. He denounced the regime for waging a war not only against Iraq, but also against the interests of the world's powers.

Shadi's accusations triggered a shouting match among audience members and Mosavi was escorted from the room by two body guards. Some witnesses said one of the guards was carrying a handgun.

Campus security arrived five minutes later and broke up a shoving match. Forum organizers criticized security for not anticipating trouble at the event.

## Leading comments

HALIFAX (CUP) A male candidate in a recent student council election at Mount Saint Vincent University says women don't run for council positions because they like being led.

"Girls, really, are more complacent. They look to men for some strange reason. Generally speaking women seem more likely to accept being led than to accept leadership," said Rob Benteau, who tried for, and lost, a seat on senate.

Ten student council positions were up for grabs in the October 13th and 14th elections, in which only eight per cent of the student body voted. Seven spots were uncontested, and six were won by men. The results mean that men make up about one third of the council.

Over 80 per cent of the university's 4100 students are female.

## Human rights after Nuremburg

Last week at McGill, human rights experts from around the world discussed the Nuremburg war crimes trials and the ongoing struggle against racism and prejudice.

Entitled *Nuremburg, Forty Years Later: The Struggle Against Injustice in Our Time*, the conference brought contemporary issues into a historical focus. Organized by McGill Professor Irwin Cotler, it also marked the opening of his new human rights advocacy group, InterAmicus.

## Opening Plenary

by Lisa Fernandez

At the opening plenary, Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel reminded aspiring lawyers of their responsibility to keep the law just.

The session was dedicated to the memory of Raoul Wallenberg, who during the Second World War saved more Jews than any one government.

According to Wiesel, "It is the task of every human being to serve as a witness and Raoul Wallenberg did just that. He showed it was possible to oppose the oppressor, to keep the memory of the Jews alive. Because of Wallenberg's selfless acts in saving hundreds of thousands of Jews during the Holocaust, no victim may ever claim he was powerless. Even if he was not powerful enough to vanquish the enemy, he had the power to resist."

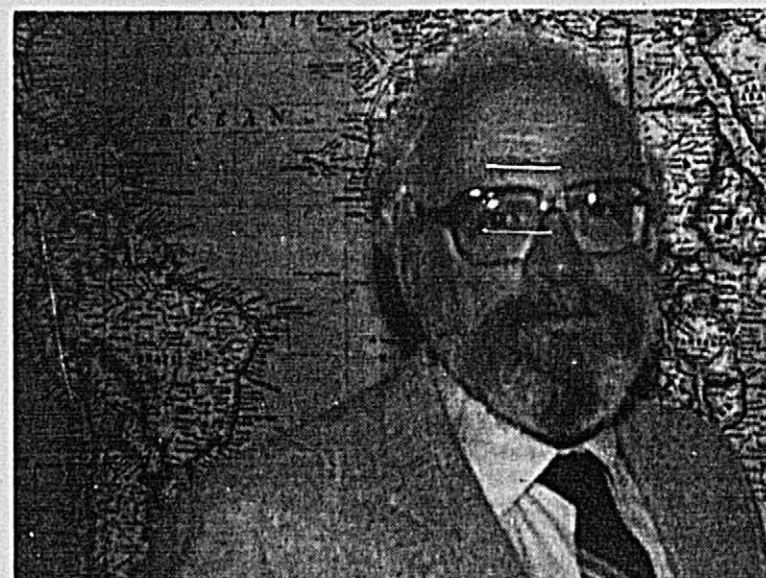
Weisel told young lawyers the most important point to remember about the Holocaust was that in Germany at that time, it was legal to kill Jews, burn shops, and massacre millions. He condemned uncritical enforcement of unjust laws, saying, "Not only must the law be legal, it must be humane and ethical."

## War Criminals

by Karen Valihora

Three panelists, representing Canada, the United States and Britain, criticized Canada's reluctance to honour witnesses' stories about the holocaust and to acknowledge evidence which comes from the Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc countries.

"Both Conservative and Liberal MP's suggest we mustn't allow



Elie Wiesel

evidence from these countries, or allow people to witness. They indicated it was a breach of the Charter of Rights to appear with foreign evidence," said Sven Robinson, a New Democrat MP from British Columbia.

"By silencing these stories, we deny their reality, and this denial, coupled with the inaction of the Government of Canada, is the double injustice being perpetrated by Canadians," he said.

The director of the Office of Special Investigations in the United States, Allan Ryan Jr., emphasized the importance of considering all available evidence. "All of the witnesses and documents are in the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc countries," he said.

"I am disturbed at the opposition to taking evidence from these countries," he continued. "No country can hope to have it's investigation and prosecution taken seriously if it consigns evidence from the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc, or any group of countries, to second-rate status, less worthy of democratic society than that from other countries."

Justice Jules Deschênes spent two years studying evidence against suspected war criminals living in Canada. In his report, he recommended prosecution of 20 suspected war criminals and investigation of allegations against 218 others in Canada. These recommendations were followed by the Sep-

tember 1987 amendments to the criminal code.

In June, Bill C-71 was passed, permitting trial in Canada of those who allegedly committed crimes against humanity, or war crimes. Robinson criticized the bill.

"There is no change in our policy with respect to extradition—it is a cruel embarrassment not to have a treaty with Israel. We should change the act, so that we can extradite war criminals to the people who want them back. The holocaust victims deserve the right to prosecute."

British Labour M.P. Greville Janner disagreed. "You Canadians seem to think you have a choice, to either ignore, extradite, or prosecute. We (Britain) don't have an extradition treaty with Israel, because the Israelis don't want them (war criminals). They're saying 'we've got enough problems'. Canada, the U.K. and Australia should take care of their own."

## Words that Maim

by Cindy-Ann Thomas

Chaired by Laval Law Faculty's Gisele Côte-Harper, the panel discussed the issues surrounding censorship of hate propaganda against "identifiable groups" like Blacks, Jews, and Asians. The question at heart was what a democracy should and should not tolerate.

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## Svend Robinson on gay rights

by Eric Smith

*Gay Power, reality or illusion* was the subject of a presentation by British Columbia MP Svend Robinson at a conference organized by the Gay Caucus of the NDP on Wednesday.

Robinson is the New Democratic critic for justice and is responsible for the attempt to amend the constitution to include sexual orientation in the charter of rights.

The presentation drew an almost exclusively male crowd and did not address the separate concerns of the lesbian community.

He spoke about the status of this reform and others in the Canadian Parliament as well as about the advancements that Lesbians and gay men are seeing in society as a whole.

His conclusion and the theme of the presentation was that in spite of some progress the extent gay power remains inconsequential.

"How can we talk about gay power when so many Lesbians and gay men can't even speak to their families, when two men cannot take a walk hand in hand without experiencing fear, when gay couples don't have equal rights in matters of taxation, adoption, or immigration," he said.

Robinson went on to discuss Bill C-54, which will probably be debated in parliament in two weeks. "It is a very dangerous bill. It would make any picture of sexual relations illegal in Canada. It is an attack against artists who will have to defend their work in courts."

But Robinson stressed that some

limitations should be imposed on pornography. "We must not target sexuality but rather violence linked to sexuality," he said.

Robinson assessed gay consciousness in French Canada. "Québec has had gay rights for 11 years now, you're way ahead of the rest of us," he said.

"Yet Montréal has one of the most demobilized gay communities. Too much is taken for granted. We cannot forget our sisters and brothers in the small towns and in other provinces," he added.

Robinson concluded his presentation by saying that although gay power was not yet a reality, "there is another kind of power, that of the gay movement which is characterized by strength and dignity and beauty."

## events

Today  
Women's Union: All women of colour interested in re-starting McGill Rainbow Women are invited to an introductory and organizational meeting today in Union 423 at 17h00.  
Political Science Students' Association

general meeting 16h00 in Leacock 429.  
Blackader-Lauterman Library: learn how to find articles in art history journals. Reference desk, Tuesday from 9h30-10h15.  
McGill Nordic Ski Team: Organizational meeting for fall training camp. 17h30 at Molson Stadium. More info: 286-7876.



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McGill is fortunate to possess a fine pipe organ which is located in Redpath Hall, next to the Redpath Undergraduate Library. It was donated anonymously and built in 1981 in Québec. It is designed along eighteenth century French lines, and consists of three keyboards and a pedalboard for the feet which together control more than 2000 pipes.

If you have never had the opportunity to hear this, or perhaps any pipe organ, then your chance is here as the McGill community is being treated to a series of five Wednesday lunchtime recitals which commenced on November 4th. These are given by the organ students in McGill's Faculty of Music, and each will begin at 12h15 and last approximately 30 minutes. A wide range of music will be presented, and there will surely be something to appeal to any music taste. Nick Strathy's performance of his own Toccata: "Blessed be the Lord who prepares my fingers for battle," promises to be interesting, and if you missed the Royal Wedding in 1981, now is your opportunity to hear a Trumpet March commissioned especially for that occasion. But if contemporary music is not your cup of tea, rest assured that the classical will be well represented. As well as works by Bach and his contemporaries, there will be some wonderfully decadent music dating from the French Revolution.

Each one of you, then, is urged to attend at least one of these recitals and thereby to support your fellow students in the Faculty of Music. And who knows, perhaps you will discover a latent love of the organ and its music.

David Judah, U2 Music

## letters

### Not into death

To the Daily:

I was surprisingly unsurprised at the the Daily's death edition: More gloomy topics, more dark and dreary pictures. The Daily has out done themselves this time. My rose-coloured glasses enjoy more light than your apparent welder's goggles. Keep up the swell work.

Charles Robison

Arts U1

### Frustrated

To the Daily:

I suspect that I speak for a frustrated majority of McGill students in calling your esteemed organ an offensive and unrepresentative rag. What is most appalling is that despite the pluralistic and dynamic nature of this university your publication obediently serves the hackneyed left. Witness your excitement over Fuel Air Explosives research, inventing your own controversy in the best traditions of irresponsible journalism. A demonstration in front of the Administration attracted all of twenty professional malcontents. An individual who questioned John Turner over the issue was howled down by the entire auditorium with cries of "Death to the Daily."

Further examples of your self-imposed isolation from the true temper of the student body are not difficult to come by. Your sanctimonious editorials which reek of self-righteous conceit, somberly advise students desper-

ate for employment to decline jobs with companies having even the slightest of ties to South African Business.

I do not debate anyone's right to free speech, no matter how ludicrous their policies, but I am sincerely pissed at contributing indirectly through the Students' Society to the production of your bi-weekly manifesto. Why don't you heroically decline your subsidy and charge as much as a dime for the privilege of reading the *Daily*. The corresponding drop in circulation would plainly attest to your marginal role in university life. As the *McGill Daily* you ought to show more concern with honestly conveying the opinions of McGill students, as opposed to printing article churned out by one small herd of disaffected Women's Union supporters.

Daniel Binlis  
Arts U1

*Ed note: A few factual clarifications. First, the Daily does not attempt to represent students, rather it provides a forum for students to represent themselves. We have never printed an editorial advising students to decline jobs with South-African invested corporations—we printed a Hyde Park from a group who made a similar recommendation. We would have printed an opposing viewpoint, but nobody has ever offered us one. With the Fuel-Air Explosives demonstration, considering it was sponsored and funded by Students' Society, and three of the five executive members were present, we considered it newsworthy. Furthermore, you do not pay for the Daily through Students' Society funds, so sleep easy.*



Do the demonstration thing, this Thursday in Québec City. The least you can do is skip class...

## hyde park

### Project Genesis seeks volunteers

Project Genesis, a non-profit organization located in Côte des Neiges is currently seeking volunteers in different areas. Project Genesis was founded 11 years ago by Professor Jim Torczyner of McGill's School of Social Work. Project Genesis provides several social service programs for the residents of Côte des Neiges. One of the most popular services that Genesis offers is Storefront, where people could drop in and obtain information on filling out any government forms or seek advice on any legal or rental problems. Project Genesis also helps run Multi-Caf, a cafeteria for people with little or no income. We are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Outreach: volunteers to go door to door knocking to inform residents about the services offered by Genesis as well as obtain information regarding community problems. Work will be done in teams and volunteers would be trained by a social worker.

- Fundraising Benefit Dinner Party for Politicians: we are having a benefit party on November 16th, for local politicians. The funds raised will go towards Multi-Caf, the cafeteria that gives food to people with low incomes. We are seeking people to serve food, dishwashers, cleaners, people with cars and general help.

- Office work: coming to our agency and helping out in filing, typing and phoning.

For more information, please call William or Gary at 738-2036, or drop by the McGill Volunteer Bureau, Union 414 (398-6819).

William Fong

## letters

### Arts outcry

To the Daily:

In 1986-87, enrollment in the Faculty of Arts increased by 4 per cent while the Arts Faculty budget was reduced by 13,000 dollars. The Faculty of Arts is bearing a disproportionate share of the underfunding burden and this must come to a stop now.

Underfunding has reached crisis levels in the Faculty of Arts despite the fact that other Faculties' costs per student have been increasing.

We do not need statistics to illustrate the severe underfunding in the Arts Faculty, for it can be found in the classrooms where students are forced to sit on the floor due to overcrowding or in the lack of teaching assistants to adequately break down a class into discussion groups. In some departments the teaching assistant ratio to

student is over one hundred and twenty to one.

We must address these issues today, before more students graduate from McGill unaware of what a quality education would have been like.

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### Language/baggage

To the Daily:

M.A. Swayze should heed HIS own words "speak not whereof you know not". The first step towards gender neutral language is to recognize current usage as male-ordered. It's not surprising that he doesn't recognize the irony of his last words, "I like MY language."

It is no "mere coincidence" that "man" functions as human and has its roots in intelligence opposed to animal

cognisance in this patriarchal system. This is a phallacy of mind/blind, for the dichotomy of male/subject vs. female/object infuses all levels of knowledge. The patriarchs man-ipulate language for their own convenience and posit themselves as owners of hu-man experience.

The denial and suppression of women is completely effective when even our discourse is structured to exclude us. Imagine life without language, imagine what it would mean to be without words, imagine being given a language that doesn't recognize you except to reduce you, ostracize you and name your experience as deviant.

Kathy Acker is fighting for her language and you can hear the resonating pain in her words, "I feel, I feel, I feel, I have no language."

This world has no need of more 'manliness' and neither does our discourse.

Christy Schram  
Arts U2

### Missed the point

To the Daily:

In a noble attempt to be "sound, rational and logical," M.A. Swayze has completely missed the "issue at hand." What a marvellous, provocative letter on gender-neutal language s/he has produced, though!

The greatest barrier to a truly universal, non gender-specific meaning for 'man' is the fact that it does have, as Swayze so astutely noted, two meanings. The one meaning can not help but invade upon the territory of the other; this is the nature of our ever-changing language.

'Man'-as-humanity encroaches upon our understanding of 'man'-as-male, and thus helps to perpetrate the vague feeling in all of us that only the males among us are truly human.

'Man'-as-male encroaches upon our understanding of 'man'-as-humanity, and thus leaves us with the sneaking suspicion that humanity is comprised of fundamentally male people.

For a simple illustration of this phenomenon of blurred meaning, I would suggest, M.A. Swayze, that you try mentally changing the gender, the next time you read any text in which some Universal Abstract Person is referred to as 'he'.

As you read along, replacing 'he' with 'she' and 'his' with 'her', you may be surprised to find your image of this Abstract Universal Person changes. Suddenly it develops breasts.

Suddenly, you realize that it never had breasts before. Suddenly, you realize that you have had an image of the universal person in your mind all along, and that image has not been universal—it has been male.

This is what women and other feminists object to. Simple? Clear? I hope so...

Sophie Wilson  
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# The fate of SEPARATISM

by Robert Steiner

**D**aniel Lamarre sells nails for a Montréal hardware supply company. The first English he learned to use when dealing with New England retailers was "No fucking way."

"Americans shit on us," he explains, "all they say is 'We want this, we want that'. So I tell them that if they don't even try to speak French they won't get anything. No fucking way."

Other businessmen drinking around Old Montréal confirm that this kind of complaint, once levelled exclusively at Anglophone Canada, is now being directed southwards.

"When it comes down to the deal, Ontarians are putting the same dollar on the table as us," one explains, "The Americans piss us off because they think that their dollar lets them do anything to anyone."

Such monetary concerns are indicative of larger changes in Québec's nationalist attitudes. Gone, it seems, are the days of widespread political agitation that disrupted the quiet lives of Westmount anglophones. Economic prosperity and upward mobility have for many Québécois displaced separatist aspirations.

Nicole Boudreau, president of the nationalist Société St-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal, says that nationalist movements have matured over the past few years. "The time of direct confrontation with the government is over," she says, "We will still fight, but we're at a more mature stage now... Even the patriots of 1837 were calmer after the British hanged their leaders."

Boudreau's comparison to the Papineau rebellion against Britain may not be far off, though this time, she says, the movement has been 'hanged' by the Parti Québécois (PQ). There is no doubt that nationalists are still feeling the effects of the PQ's failure to gain independence for Québec. Its sweep to and from power left other separatist movements empty and divided in its path. Boudreau claims the PQ stole her organization's activists, leaders and finances.

"We gave so much," she says, "and the deception was so great. In the final analysis, our alliance with the PQ is still costing us a great deal. Our movement is very divided."

Jim Carter, secretary of anglophone Alliance Québec, agrees. According to Carter, French-Canadian nationalism is recovering to face a situation where "its political voice is no longer synonymous with government". This is proving to be a tough change for many groups which let the PQ become the heart of their movement. The PQ was central to nationalism in the

seventies, and in a recent pamphlet, the party maintains that it is still a "synthesis of national liberation movements and a focal point for progressive forces in Québec."

Even its accession to power in 1976 with 41 per cent of the popular vote was evidence of some nationalist feeling among mainstream Québécois. Why then did 1980s referendum fail? The reasons are rooted in the origins of the modern French Canadian nationalism of the 1960s.

**P**rofessor Dale Thompson of McGill's Political Science department attributes the movement's rise to a combination of historical circumstances and economics. Africa and Asia were fighting for their independence while Canada and much of the western world were emerging from an extended period of prosperity. "I was teaching at Université de Montréal then," says Thompson, "Forty per cent of my students were unilingual Francophones from the country. They were upwardly mobile and started to ask themselves what they'd do with their education. The rest of the world was caught in winds of change. Everyone was talking about peoples becoming independent."

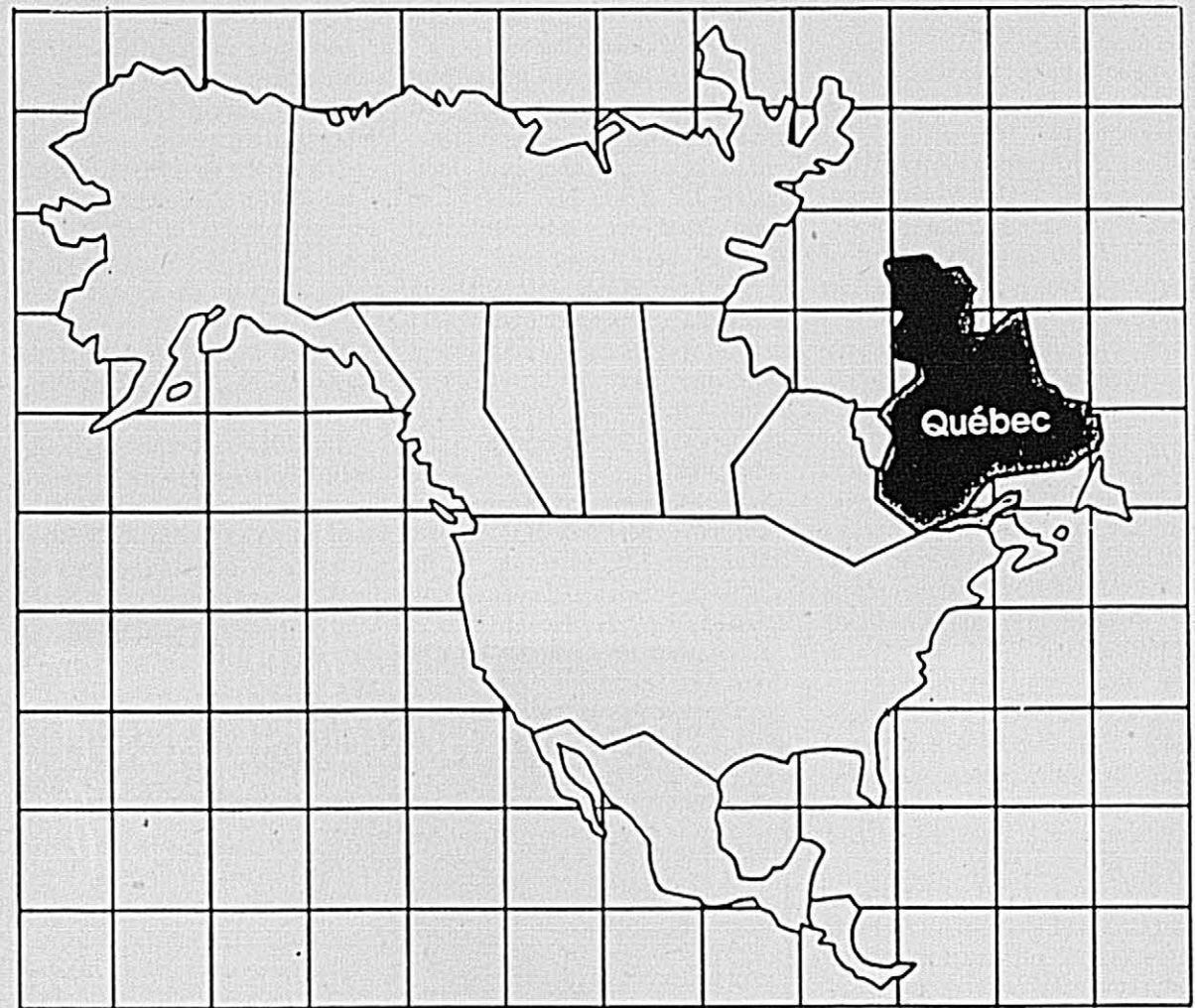
Lesage's Liberals responded to those feelings in the 1960 election with a now famous campaign slogan 'Maîtres Chez Nous' (masters in our own house). "Things were coming together in such a way that Québec's separation appeared inevitable," Thompson says.

For the first time since confederation, Québécois began thinking seriously about total independence. Nationalism, based on emotion, became separatism which by necessity had to consider economic factors. The Société St-Jean-Baptiste recognized the importance of financial leverage and made the 'control of our own economy' one of five main goals in its platform. The Parti Québécois, once in power, called for direct administration of taxes and for a full hand in Québec's resource development.

Ultimately, it was that very sense of economic reality which defeated separatism at the polls in 1980. Alliance Québec communications director Geoff Kelly recalls that the Non — no to Québec's right to negotiate independence — campaign reminded Québécois of their role in Canada's economic growth.

"The whole idea behind our campaign was to tell French Canadians: look, you helped build this country's prosperity, why cut yourselves off from it?"

Thompson explains the Non victory as a simple realization among the Québécois that "When it came down to the wire, they were attached to the rest of the country.



They couldn't just walk out."

Daniel Lamarre's reason for voting Non was even simpler. "I wanted to be Canadian," he says.

Parti Québécois spokesman Claude Bernard sees the referendum differently. "It was a first step — an attempt, not a defeat," he says, "Remember that we came within 10 per cent of a victory, and that there are still 75,000 members of the PQ who share those beliefs."

In fact, the PQ attracted fifteen thousand delegates to its tenth congress, held last June. Part of the program adopted at the meeting states that "Québec is still an unaccomplished nation." It goes on to say that without full control over its own taxes, laws and language, Québec could never survive, much less develop as a "modern and dynamic society".

**N**onetheless, Québec seems to have gained a sense of place within Canada since the 1985 defeat of the PQ, and the PQ has changed its approach to suit this new mood. 'National Affirmation', meaning everything from mandatory Québec history in schools to the gaining of increased autonomy from Ottawa, has become its catchphrase.

"We want to take our present powers and use them to the fullest possible degree," Claude Bernard says.

Boudreau explains that the Société St-Jean-Baptiste is no longer interested in militant protests. Rather it is campaigning to sensitize Québec to the importance of French usage. The organization has created loans for French-Canadian students, policed the province's language laws and lobbied Québec City for the re-introduction of 'National History' courses in CEGEPs and high schools.

Boudreau points out that another focus of today's nationalist movement is the encouragement of

immigrants to adopt French as their first language. This kind of goal is evidence of the new nationalist philosophy that has resulted from the PQ experience.

"We're not building walls around us," Bernard explains, "There are eighty-three ethnic groups in Québec. They speak every language in the world, not just English and French. All we want is for them to unite in the French language to reflect a society that is 80 per cent francophone."

"Don't call us separatists," he says, "Separatism means cutting ourselves off from Canada. We want to co-exist with our neighbours, but we also want them to respect us, just as we respect minority rights here."

For Jim Carter, those attitudes reflect a confidence among Québécois which resulted from the PQ's rise and which will thwart further attempts at isolation.

"Most Anglophones did not have a full understanding of the importance of the Nationalist movement to Québec when the PQ came to power. It was a positive and creative force in developing self-confidence... The emergence of a new entrepreneurial spirit here has meant that people are looking to the future with less insecurity," says Carter.

"Québec's population discovered the outside world," Thompson adds. "It realizes now that separatism is no longer the only way to better their situation. It could be free trade, it could be business."

**F**ew events could signal that confidence more readily than Québec's reaction, or lack of reaction, to Queen Elizabeth's visit three weeks ago. Though Raymond Villeneuve, leader of the Coalition nationale contre la visite de la reine, promised large demonstrations against the tour, very few materialized. The organization's main action in Québec City attracted only a

few dozen students. *Le Devoir* called it a 'calm protest'.

Thompson compares this to the Royal Tour of 1964. "Back then there was lots of violence," he says, "and the government played into the separatists' hands. The new generation sees separatism as someone else's movement. It's into other things."

But the new generation has not killed separatism. It has merely put it to sleep. Thompson thinks the movement's future is hard to judge. For it to rise again, he says it will need some target of anglophone power to attack. That will not be an easy task now that Mulroney has recognized Québec's distinct nature in the Meech Lake Accord and bilingualism is on the rise throughout anglophone Canada.

"It is like the stock market crash," he explains, "The recent one could never be as bad as 1929's because we have taken steps since then to prevent that kind of thing from happening again."

"The wind has clearly been taken out of the sails of Nationalism, and for now that movement has given up separatism as a goal," Carter says, "but we cannot deny the fact that there will always be a movement there."

That thought may not be very comforting to those people who witnessed separatism's rise in the 1960s and '70s and to whom the movement is synonymous with bombs in Westmount post-boxes. Many of them would prefer to think that the ideals of Québec independence have become historical oddities — interesting to remember but no longer important.

And anglophone paranoiacs will find Claude Bernard's view of feelings within the movement even more unnerving.

"Canada was a marriage of necessity," he says, "and it is no longer working for us. About that we're right."

"And when you're right, you have to be patient."



## ... Human rights

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the panel's three members—Canadian Judge Maxwell Cohen, Indian representative Me. Ram Jethmalani, and American Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz—presented their views on the issue.

Reminding spectators of Canada's own recent experiences with hate-propaganda issues, two of the three members made impassioned appeals for the re-evaluation of the existing codes that govern human rights.

In 1983, Eckville, Alberta came under fierce scrutiny as its mayor, Jim Keegstra, was fired from his school teaching position and charged for telling his students that the Nazi extermination of millions of Jews during World War II was fictitious.

Two years later, Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel was charged with "willfully spreading false news" about Nazi war crimes by publishing such literature as *Did Six Million Really Die?*

Subsection 281.1 of the Canadian Criminal Code states that it is an indictable offence for anyone "who advocates or promotes genocide." The law is aimed at the likes of Keegstra and Zundel.

However, section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms promises "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication." Clauses such as these defend the likes of Keegstra and Zundel. Cohen and Jethmalani criticize "free speech" provisions in law for being helpful in encouraging the destruction of post-Nuremberg societies.

Although Nuremberg was supposed to have established a precedent for ethnic tolerance in later years and in other countries, Jethmalani expressed some pessimistic conclusions.

"I believe that the scene today is much more dangerous—a hundred times more dangerous—than it was when the Nuremberg trials were held. Today, it is not merely governments, but entire populations of countries that share the dark and devious motivation and mentality of Zundel. We are supplying

milk to venomous vipers," he said, referring to allowances like section 2 of the Canadian Charter.

Nodding heads and intermittent bursts of applause symbolized great support for the humanistic views held by Cohen and Jethmalani but it was civil libertarian Alan Dershowitz who stole the show as *agent provocateur*.

The fiery Dershowitz, although abhorrent of people who would deny the Holocaust, is insistent upon the fact that government hasn't—and should remain without—the right to censor speech and publications.

"There is no persuasive argument that I can think of in law, in constitutionality, in policy, or in education which should deny Zundel or anybody else the right to take the positions they want to on the Holocaust," he said.

## Closing Plenary

by Robert Steiner

According to Paul Boateng, the racist attitudes which caused the Holocaust remain guiding forces throughout the world.

Boateng, the first Black member of the British Parliament, accused the governments of France, Germany, Spain, and Scandinavia of complacency in the face of rising racism.

Nelson Mandela's former defence counsel, Arthur Chaskelson, currently a practitioner of anti-apartheid law in South Africa, described the ways in which segregation is being modernized. "The government is controlling Black resistance by controlling information flow inside and out of South Africa, cutting off funds to opposition groups, jailing leaders and instilling fear."

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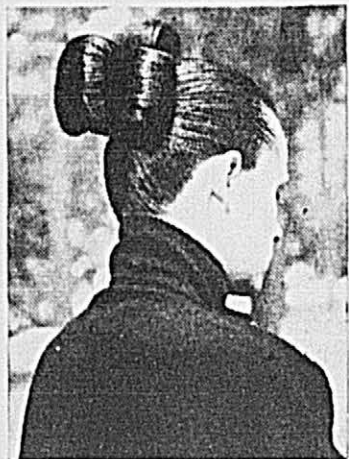
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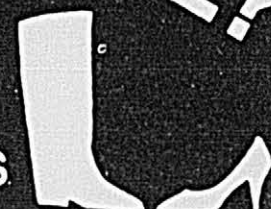
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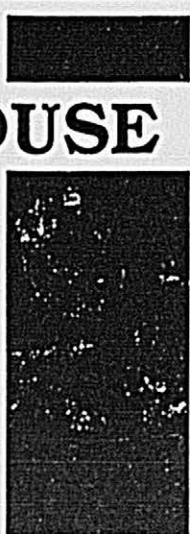
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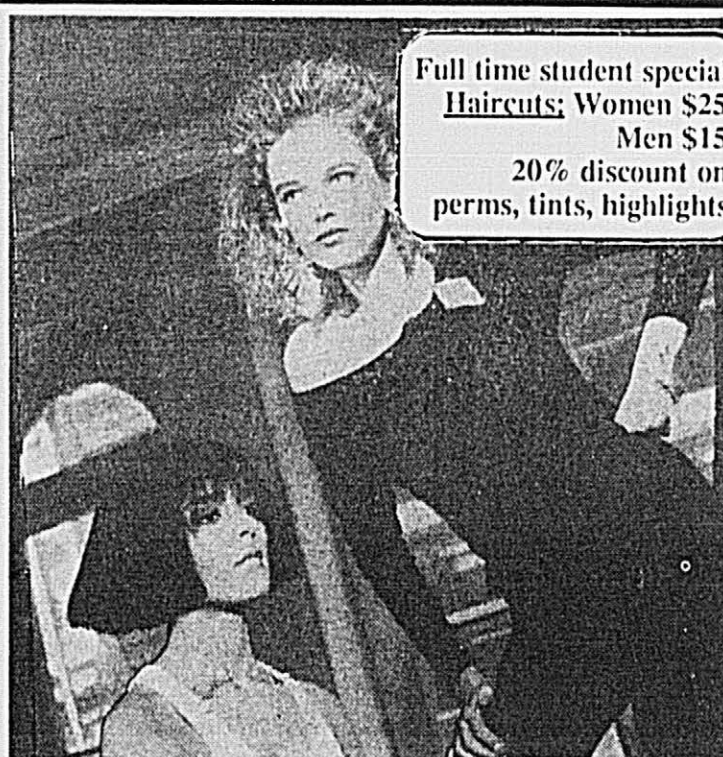
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1: A detailed financial aid reform plan by Summer 1988.

2: The implementation of the reform before the next election.

3: A strong and active student voice in all aspects of the reform process.

The following information booths have been set up to distribute background papers, sign up for the free trip to Québec, and fill petitions

**MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER**  
Info, Québec buses, Petition  
Union • 11h-14h  
McConnell Engineering • 11h-14h  
Peterson Hall • 11h-14h  
BMH • 17h-19h

**TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER**  
Info, Petition  
Union • 11h-14h  
Leacock • 11h-14h

**WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER**  
Info, Petition  
Union • 11h-14h  
Education • 11h-14h

A loans and bursaries rally with speeches and more information on the issue will be held in Union 107/108 on Tuesday, 10 November at 15h00.



*Mr. Ryan, let us into the reform process*  
**Demonstrate Nov. 12 in Québec City**

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